

The Gift of Godly Elders

PASTOR ZAC HESS • 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7



WARM UP

If you could instantly become an expert in something, what would it be?

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Recharge • Recharge is respite care for families of children with special needs and their siblings one Saturday a month from 4:00–7:30 p.m. Children hear a Bible story, play, eat pizza, and have fun with loving volunteers while parents get to recharge by themselves. There are new families at Grace who would benefit from our Recharge ministry, but help is needed to offer them this much-needed time out. Please pray about serving and contact Kathy Wagner (Kathy.Wagner@gracepolaris.org) with questions or for more info.

WITNESS

- Who are the people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus or are seeking to share the Gospel with?
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 What resonated with you from the sermon?
- 2 Which of the characteristics listed in this passage sticks out to you the most? Why? How do these characteristics compare to the Fruit of the Spirit described in Galatians 5:22,23?
- 3 What is the difference between how an elder is to lead the church and how our culture generally views leadership in places like the workplace, government, etc.?
- 4 Why are healthy elders so vital to a healthy church? What are some ways you see elders at Grace Polaris fueling the health of the church?
- 5 How can we take a passage about elders and apply it to ourselves, even if we aren't an elder? How would the church falter if our elders didn't exemplify this description? What if our congregation didn't exemplify this description?
- 6 How do you sense the Lord leading you to apply this passage?

PRAY

Take time to thank the Lord for providing elders for His Church. Pray for our elders specifically, that God would continue to help them shape our church as they devote themselves to their personal faith in Christ.

COMING UP

[GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR](https://gracepolaris.org/calendar)

Blast Off Sunday, March 17 • 4:00 p.m. • WC • The Grace Kids Choir presents: Blast Off! The Musical. All are invited to this production where we'll join Rudy and his two siblings as they find themselves in a space shuttle, discovering more about our indescribable God through the handiwork of His amazing universe.

Palm Sunday Communion Sunday, March 24 • Immediately Following the Service • All believers are welcome as we reflect and celebrate God's work on our behalf. Food for the love feast will be provided, and kids ministry will be available after the meal. To help us plan accordingly, please RSVP by Wednesday, March 20 at [GracePolaris.org/Communion](https://gracepolaris.org/Communion) or text COMMUNION to 614-888-7733.